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UMC Takes Third at National Collegiate Crops Judging Contest

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Collegiate Crops Judging Team placed third in national competition at both the Kansas City Crops Contest held on November 16 and the Chicago Crops Contest held on November 20, 2004.

Members of this year's team included Todd Strom, a senior agronomy major from Crookston, originally from Park Rapids, along with Rick Proulx, from Crookston, Chris Swanson of Thief River Falls, and John Kowalski from Stephen, all juniors at UMC majoring in agronomy.

Rick Proulx tied for first place in grain grading and finished second overall in the Kansas City competition. Todd Strom placed second in seed analysis in Chicago. At both competitions, all of the team members placed in the top ten. The Collegiate Crops Contests have been held for over seventy years, and UMC has competed 33 times. Of those 33 years, UMC has placed in the top three 19 times. Charles "Chuck" Habstritt has coached the crops teams since they began.

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